



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 11, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 11, 2020, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through July 11, 2020 for the United States were 5.21 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,911	33,050	32,968	32,498	32,217	32,888
Arkansas	23,471	23,580	23,025	22,628	23,048	23,578
Delaware	5,021	5,030	4,948	5,026	5,031	5,029
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,198	1,069	1,069	1,162
Georgia	34,577	34,762	34,568	34,099	33,944	33,922
Kentucky	7,494	7,469	7,394	7,756	7,295	7,828
Louisiana	3,410	3,501	3,370	3,219	3,319	3,364
Maryland	8,120	8,359	8,465	8,235	8,041	8,209
Mississippi	17,304	17,380	17,720	17,659	17,463	17,159
Missouri	9,070	8,609	8,642	8,378	8,489	8,362
North Carolina	24,718	25,450	24,269	25,238	25,177	25,103
Oklahoma	7,375	6,934	6,437	6,479	6,444	7,174
Pennsylvania	6,666	6,088	6,524	6,389	6,284	6,510
South Carolina	5,752	5,709	5,831	5,656	5,766	5,835
Texas	17,979	17,909	18,065	17,891	17,370	17,197
Virginia	6,381	6,425	6,396	6,327	6,357	6,322
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,925	13,285	13,073	12,559	12,462	12,732
Other States	11,491	11,399	11,603	11,660	11,373	11,396
United States	235,859	236,133	234,496	232,766	231,149	233,770
Percent of previous year	100	102	100	101	99	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,914	24,387	24,592	24,442	24,336	24,831
Arkansas	21,374	21,005	22,089	20,589	20,921	19,959
Delaware	4,647	3,657	4,700	4,544	5,176	4,962
Florida	1,332	1,325	1,229	1,339	1,319	1,352
Georgia	27,037	27,150	27,739	28,046	27,539	27,219
Kentucky	6,271	5,942	4,674	5,942	6,149	4,559
Louisiana	2,850	2,961	3,090	2,939	3,047	2,787
Maryland	5,576	6,862	5,728	5,744	5,634	5,459
Mississippi	14,229	14,681	14,608	14,830	15,003	15,199
Missouri	6,997	6,226	5,982	5,790	5,922	5,522
North Carolina	17,854	20,610	20,692	20,050	20,878	19,504
Oklahoma	3,261	4,394	3,450	5,061	4,684	5,400
Pennsylvania	4,804	4,826	5,066	5,049	4,483	5,006
South Carolina	4,857	5,075	4,834	4,844	4,831	5,427
Texas	14,390	14,636	14,766	14,949	14,846	15,848
Virginia	5,291	5,298	5,595	5,719	5,662	6,269
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,700	11,696	11,678	11,725	11,529	10,600
Other States	8,784	9,228	9,233	9,126	9,187	9,400
United States	185,168	189,959	189,745	190,728	191,146	189,303
Percent of previous year	97	100	99	100	102	100

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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